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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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National Adaptation Fund projects in Odisha

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry proposes to consider Odisha as a priority State for National Adaptation Fund, in view of recurrent cyclones, floods and rising sea levels; and
- (b) if so, the proposed projects and corresponding fund allocations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (b) The National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) was established in 2015 to support adaptation activities in the States and Union Territories (UTs) of India that are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. NAFCC is implemented in project mode and 30 projects have been sanctioned in 27 States and UTs including Odisha. In the meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) held on 23rd November 2022, NAFCC was converted from scheme (a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India) to non-scheme. As per the direction of the EFC, no new project will be initiated under the NAFCC.

Under NAFCC, a Project titled “Conserve Water through the Management of runoff in the River basin to improve ground water recharge to reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience for traditional livelihood in Nuapada” was implemented in the State of Odisha with a project cost of Rs 20 crore. The project is now completed and the impact of the project include –

- i) 03 check dams & irrigation facility in 05 clusters benefiting around 1,000 farmers, reducing drought/flood risks
- ii) Crop diversification in 08 villages, lowering dependence on paddy
- iii) Livestock-based Integrated Farming System (IFS) (around 220 farmers) & inland fisheries (52 farmers) for income diversification
- iv) 06 Pani Panchayats, Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) & Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) established strengthening water governance and market access.
